REMARKS

In the Office Action, claims 28 and 30 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112; claims 27-29 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101; claims 1-26 have been allowed; and claims 27-30 were indicated as allowable if the above rejections are overcome. Claims 27-30 are amended herein. Applicants believe that the rejections have been overcome.

In the Office Action, claims 28 and 30 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph for allegedly omitting method steps. Claims 28 and 30 have been amended to include method steps. Claim 28 recites, at least in part, a data processing method including *inputting* the system code from the integrated circuit; *referring* to a registerable system code list indicating the system code given to the first service provider which can provide service by the same integrated circuit as the second service provider and judging whether the input system code is indicated in the registerable system code list; and *outputting* to the integrated circuit a module including second area management data issued by a memory area operation unit managing execution of the program and encrypted by the memory area operation unit by using the distribution key data and further encrypted by the first service provider using the first area management key data when it judges that the input system code is indicated in the registerable system code list. Claim 30 recites, at least in part, a data processing method including *outputting* to the integrated circuit file key data which is issued by a second service provider, used at the time of writing the file data in a third memory area, and encrypted by a third area management data when a plurality of third memory areas are defined in the second memory area, a third memory management key data used for performing at least one of a write operation of data to a third memory area and a rewrite operation of data in the third memory area is defined for each of the plurality of third memory areas, and the integrated circuit stores the third area management key data; and *writing* file data used for providing the second service in the second memory area of the integrated circuit by using the file key data. Applicants believes that the rejections have been overcome and request withdrawal of same.

In the Office Action, claims 27-29 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 as allegedly directed to non-statutory subject matter. In response, claims 27 and 29 have been amended to recite, at least in part, a program *stored in a computer readable medium* for making a computer execute processing. Regarding the rejection of claim 28, Applicants do not believe that this

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rejection is proper because claims 28 is directed to a data processing method. Applicants believe that the rejections have been overcome and respectfully request withdrawal of same.

For the foregoing reasons, Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for allowance and earnestly solicit reconsideration of same.

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